

SOUTH BEND

MAY 2007

Building a 21st Century City
MAYOR STEPHEN J. LUECKE

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

This month I'd like to share with you some of the progress we have made in our City. From business parks to artists' galleries to clean rivers, our public investment in infrastructure and facilities, good planning, and work with the private sector is breathing new life into South Bend.

In the last decade we have demonstrated that a model city stimulates growth and development:

- Erskine Commons and Village: 900,000 sq. ft. - \$60+ million in retail investment
- Blackthorn and Airport Economic Development Area - \$1/2 Billion invested
New — PEI Genesis, Schafer Gear, McCormick and Co., Federal Mogul Substantial investments in new equipment and facilities
- **New** — Holladay Corporation - Portage Prairie Phase 1—500-acre new development \$300 million - private investment and 3,000 to 4,000 new jobs

Partnerships have been key to supporting neighborhoods and protecting the environment is an important part of our Smart Growth strategy

We have invested in our neighborhoods by becoming good stewards of the environment. The City is actively reclaiming brownfield sites and returning them to productive use.

- Former landfill at Fredrickson Park — New Morris-1st Source Boy Scout Service Center
- Erskine Commons — former 13-acre dump
- 160+ acres of abandoned Studebaker and Oliver Plow development have been demolished and cleaned, attracting new investment
- LED traffic lights technology conserves energy and resources.
- Our largest environmental effort — Cleanup of the St. Joseph River.

In 1991, 2 billion gallons of combined sewage and stormwater overflowed into the river every year. We have already reduced that amount by 58%. Over the next six years we will reduce it by another 40%.

- Over \$15 million dollars has been invested in the last decade in facilities that improve quality of life and health and fitness and in award-winning wellness initiatives like "We Can" and "Weight Winners." These facilities and programs are integral to our City's health and well being

Another mark of a model city's vitality is its quality of life - South Bend is a leading center for arts and culture:

There is so much to see and do in South Bend. ArtBeat, Hip!Pocket and tree outdoor concert series bring tens of thousands of people downtown to enjoy art and music. An urban art scene has blossomed at galleries like Spurious Fugitive, Studio 815, and SBRMA. This year, City Celebration will be presenting a full slate of family events. I am especially proud to highlight the new use for the Natatorium on West Washington. What was once a place of discord will become a Civil Rights Heritage Center, a repository and resource for our local struggle for equality and reconciliation. Celebrating its 50th Anniv. the South Bend Civic Theater is now at home in beautifully renovated Scottish Rite building.

Today we are fulfilling the promises that we made a decade ago; economic development and a strengthened downtown, a cleaner river and a reemphasis on environmental stewardship, a growing arts scene and nationally recognized performance venues, a commitment to improved health and wellness, a safer city. In my next and final letter on the State of the City Address, I will lay out five new directives that I believe will help us continue on the path of progress into the Age of Cities.

Sincerely,



Mayor Steve

THIS MONTH...

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Building Neighborhoods

- 2006— South Bend's eleventh straight year with 100+ new home starts
- City has invested over \$20 million in housing programs during the last ten years.
- Assistance to first-time home-buyers, rehab loans and residential enhancement grants, new homes on vacant lots, Annual Rebuilding Together volunteer effort.

Summer in South Bend

Aqua Adventures in South Bend!

- ♦ **East Race Waterway** - Downtown. Public whitewater rafting/kayaking course for beginners and advanced, with more than 5 miles of paved & lighted walking/running paths.
Open: Beginning June 9, weekends only, Saturday 12–5pm, Sunday 1–5pm.
Fees: Rafts & Funyacks \$4 per person per ride, all equipment included. Recreational canoists & kayakers \$10 per person per day.
 - ♦ **Potawatomi Pool** - Potawatomi Park near Kids' Kingdom. Regulation pool with water slide and kiddie pool with spray feature.
Open*: June 7–Aug. 12, Mon.–Sun. 12–6pm, Wed. (Family Night) 6–8pm
 - ♦ **Kennedy Water Playground** - Kennedy Park. Low-depth interactive water playground.
Open*: June 5–Aug. 12, Mon. – Sat. 11am – 5pm; Sun. 12–5pm
- *Opening subject to change if SBCSC extends school year due to snow days.
- For more information, visit sbpark.org/rec_guide/aquatics.htm, or call 299-4765.



College Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Festival

Mark Your Calendars - July 20-21, 2007

Featuring Emmitt Smith, Bobby Bowden, and others! For event details and ticket information, visit collegefootball.org or call 235-9999.

To enter your organization in the 2007 Enshrinement Grand Parade, contact John Paczesny at 574/272-0100 ext. 205 or jpaczesny@healthwin.org.



PARK AFTER DARK

Friday, June 29

Pack a picnic and plenty of popcorn to enjoy an outdoor dusk showing of the original "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" movie in Leeper Park West!

Park After Dark is part of South Bend City Celebration 2007. For more information, please visit SBCityCelebration.com, or call 235-9798 or 235-9951.



2007 Schedule

Baseball has returned to South Bend! Come on out to root, root, root for your home team!

May	July
4-7 Wisconsin	1-2 W. Michigan
8-11 Beloit	7-9 Dayton
12-13 Lansing	13-16 Kane County
25-26 Dayton	17-20 Peoria
June	30-31 Quad Cities
2-5 Great Lakes	August
11-12 Ft. Wayne	1-2 Quad Cities
25-28 Dayton	3-6 Burlington
29-30 W. Michigan	18-19 Great Lakes
	20-23 Lansing
	30-31 Ft. Wayne

Dollar Mondays (excluding July 2) and Fireworks Fridays are back!

Tickets start at \$5, and kids 5 & under are free! For tickets or more information, please call 235-9988, or visit silverhawks.com!



Free Music Downtown!

Local Blues, Jazz, Irish, Oldies, Pop, and Country bands take "the stage" on Jon Hunt Plaza in front of the Morris Performing Arts Center, on Fridays in June, July and August. This outdoor lunch-hour mini concert series is sponsored by the Morris, and all concerts are *FREE!* Music begins at 11:30 a.m. and ends at 1:30 p.m. This year's dates are:

June 8, 22; July 6, 20; August 3, 17

The Morris Bistro, Papa John's, and State Cafe offer a variety of lunchtime favorites, or you may choose to "brown bag" it. Tables are set in and around the plaza to provide space to eat and enjoy the festivities, or bring a blanket and relax on the lawn!

For more information, visit www.morriscenter.org/friday.html, or call 235-9198.

FREE Music in the Parks!



Can't get downtown on Friday afternoons? The East Race Summer Concert Series kicks off its season on Sunday, June 17, and the Potawatomi Park Concert Series begins on Sunday, June 24! These FREE concerts will be presented every Sunday, at 4 p.m. at Seitz Park on the East Race, and at 7 p.m. at the Potawatomi Park Bandshell.

For more information, please visit www.sbpark.org, or call 235-4768, ext. 239.

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